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SUBJECT: CSCE-NORWEGIAN PAPER ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF NORWEGIAN PAPER ON CBM'S (TEXT REFTEL) AT SEPTEMBER 25 POLADS MEETING, TURKISH, U.S., UK AND PROTUGUESE REPS NOTED POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WHICH THEIR AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE WITH TEXT. TURKISH AND PROTUGUESE REPS OBJECTED TO PROVISION IN SECTION III CALLING FOR NOTIFICATION OF ALL MOVEMENTS REGARDLESS OF DIRECTION. TURKISH REP ALSO DISAGREED WITH POINT IN SAME SECTION OF PAPER ON INCLUSION OF FORCES LESS THAN DIVISIONAL SIZE IN NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES. WHILE NOTING THAT HE WAS WITHOUT SPECITIC INSTRUCTIONS ON NORWEGIAN PAPER, U.S. REP SAID HE BELIEVED WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH GENERAL EMPHASIS OF PAPER ON NEED FOR DEFINING TYPES OF MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO NOTIFICATION
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AND POINTED OUT THAT ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS WERE DESIGNED TO FULFILL THIS PURPOSE. HE ALSO RECALLED FOR THE RECORD OUR OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF MOVEMENTS.

2. UK REP SAID HE SAW PROBLEMS WITH USING VARYING SIZE CRITERIA DEPENDING UPON AREA INVOLVED. WHILE LONDON COULD AGREE THAT MOVEMENT OR MANEUVER IN NORTHERN NORWAY INVOLVING RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF TROOPS COULD BE SUBJECT TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, BRITISH SEE DANGER IN GENERALIZATION OF THIS FLEXIBLE CRITERIA FOR OTHER AREAS. UK REP ALSO ASKED WHETHER NORWEGIAN REP COULD CLARIFY POINT IN PARA VII REGARDING ADDITIONAL CBM'S AND WHETHER NORWEGIANS PLANNED TO PROPOSE DISCUSSION OF THESE MEASURES IN CSCE. NORWEGIAN REP SAID THAT IN OSLO'S THINKING PARA VII RELATED TO POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS IN BORDER AREAS. A PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN INITIAL DRAFT OF NORWEGIAN PAPER, HE SAID, BUT HAD BEEN DROPPED SUBSEQUENTLY IN ANTICIPATION OF OBJECTIONS BY VARIOUS ALLIES. HE ADDED THAT OSLO CONTINUED TO BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEASURE BUT RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS NOT PERHAPS REALISTIC FOR CSCE.

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